

# COMPLAINT OF MR. BARR

Thought Portsmouth Fire Department Dilatory.

HE IS SHARPLY CRITICISED

An Interesting Suit Brought—Woman Who Was Struck With a Lamp, Dead—Nevada's Guns Tested.

Preacher Sues Barr.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., June 3.—The correspondence between J. M. Barr, vice-president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and Mayor J. Thompson Baird on the recent fire at the Seaboard Air Line shops has been sent to the Portsmouth City Council. Mr. Barr complained that proper energy was not used by the fire department in responding to the alarm. He stated that he knew the chief of the department used all possible dispatch in getting the apparatus on the scene, and in his opinion the great fault was with the railroad company in not having proper water facilities at the property.

Mr. Hutchins called the attention of the Council to the fact that while he and the firemen of the city of Portsmouth, in the case of the fire at the Seaboard Air Line shops, Mr. Barr was seated in a carriage calmly looking on. There are many surmises as to the intent of Mr. Barr's caustic criticisms. The shops which were burned at the city limits and distant from the fire department's apparatus.

REV. GEO. H. McFADEN'S HEALTH. Rev. George H. McFaden, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, has left Philadelphia, where he was under medical treatment, and gone to his home in Harper's Ferry, Md. He is much improved in health and expects to resume his pastoral duties next Sunday. Rev. J. F. Carey, a former pastor of Port Norfolk Methodist Church and a recent graduate of the Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tenn., has been called to succeed Mr. McFaden during the summer months.

SHERROD AFTER HARPER.

The suit of A. Sherrod, of North Carolina, against E. B. Harper, of Pinetop, Va., to recover \$25,000, alleged to be due on account of a real estate deal, is pending in the Norfolk county Circuit Court before Judge R. R. Prentiss and a jury. The suit is the result of a controversy over the famous suit of Robert against Harper, in which the doling of the Pinetop Point financier at the Charleston Exposition, where he said that he carried in a drawing and gambling, were described.

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TESTED NEVADA'S GUNS.

The new United States mortar Nevada, which has been lying in Hampton Roads, went to sea on her last voyage. The Board of Inspection and Survey arrived yesterday at Old Point on the Washington steamer. The board will make a report on the stability of the new mortar to the United States navy. This board is composed of the following: Captain Charles T. Train, president; Captain Charles Roeder, Commander Walter Cowles, Naval Constructor Joseph H. Woodward and Major of Marines Charles H. Lauchheimer. After the arrival of the Nevada off the Virginia capes her large guns were tried successfully, and she was taken to sea for a speed trial, which will be reported later.

ENGINEER HAJTOD DEAD.

Rev. W. H. Haight, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, of Scottsville, went to Washington to pay the check for the death-bed of his brother, A. H. Haight, a locomotive engineer, who died from injuries received in a railroad wreck in West Virginia last Sunday.

PREACHER SUES BARR.

J. T. Black, a handsome man with a portly figure and a sonorous voice testified in the Court of Law and Chancery this morning in his suit against the National Bank of Commerce for damages of \$25,000. The bank refused to pay in December last. The plaintiff says he is a preacher, and at that time was employed as the manager for a tailor at \$35 a week, and lost his position because of the refusal of the bank to pay the check. The bank did not apologize and he brought suit to set himself right in the community. The answer of the bank is that one of its book-keepers made an error in the account, and that there was money and willingness to pay the check but for the error, which is acknowledged and for which nominal damages are due. The defendant had \$20 to the credit of the plaintiff at the time, and had no reason but the clerical error for declining the check. The case was heard and sent to the jury, which awarded \$25 to the plaintiff.

VICTIM DEAD.

The negro woman, Maggie Grant, whom John Pickens struck with a lamp, died in morning in the St. Vincent Hospital. Pickens is well known here as having been in the service of the government at the custom house, and better known as having married the widow of the former member of Congress, J. P. Henderson. He was walking through Smith Street early Monday morning and went into the house of the deceased woman, apparently with no purpose but to lift the lamp from the table and strike her on the face and head with it. Her blood was profusely and but for immediate attention she would have died then from loss of blood. Careful attention, however, and skill saved life for two days, and might have proved effective longer but for the fact of the woman's delicate condition. Pickens is in jail on the charge of felonious assault. He will be brought to the Police Court to-morrow for a change of the charge to that of manslaughter. His friends have employed attorneys to defend him, and they will endeavor to prove that Pickens is not responsible for the deed, because his mind was not sound at the time of the assault.

BAY SHORE TRAVEL STOPPED.

Travel between Norfolk and Ocean View via the Bay Shore Railway was suspended this morning owing to an accident which put the Tanner's Creek Bridge of the company out of commission. One of the Standard Oil Company's barges ran into the bridge and damaged it to such an extent that it had to undergo extensive repairs before it will be safe for travel. Therefore the cars of the Bay Shore Company are laid off.

BOAT OWNERS GRANT SCALE.

The following boats are reported on the office of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association as having returned to service and reached to the engineers' scale of wages:

The Piney Beach, of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Company, running from Sewell's Point to Newport News. Chief Engineer Frank Greenwell receives \$85 and Assistant A. C. Minter \$75.

The Algonquin, formerly on the Chukcattuck division, now a chartered boat, wages not known, but scale granted.

Nanticoke, to Franklin, Va.; Engineer Chris McCluer receives \$90 per month. His assistant, M. Quillen gets now \$75.

O. F. Smith has accepted the scale and all his tugs are running. This company owns ten tugs, but does not keep all in commission at one time.

NEW TELEPHONE RATES.

The Southern States Telephone Company was granted by the Common Council last night permission to increase its rates for telephone service.

At present the company charges \$38 for business lines, \$28 for residence phones, and where two phones or more use the same line, \$20 per month. The new rates proposed are \$38 for residence and \$48 for business phones. The proposed new rates are not to become effective until after the company has installed the improvements they promised in the event they were allowed to increase tolls, and further, on condition that the company remain independent and competitive organization.

Norfolk is to have its first horse show in the fall. Back of the enterprise are the officers and stockholders of the Lafayette Field Association, gentlemen who have displayed in the past unusual ability in the handling of higher class amusements and sporting events. October is the month selected for the show. It will either precede or follow the Potomac Horse Show, which is to be held at the United States Hotel in the United States Hotel at Berkeley more than in all the other horse markets of Virginia combined. This trade now runs into millions of dollars a year.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS

Birth of President Davis Celebrated by Daughters of Confederacy.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 3.—Under the auspices of the Seventeenth Virginia Regiment, Confederate Daughters of the Confederacy, appropriate services were held this evening at the new home of Lee Camp, in honor of the anniversary of the birth of President Jefferson Davis. The members of the society were the guests of honor, while many members of other Southern societies and citizens generally were present. The services were held at the new home of Lee Camp, in honor of the anniversary of the birth of President Jefferson Davis. The members of the society were the guests of honor, while many members of other Southern societies and citizens generally were present.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Trinity M. E. Church and the Methodist Protestant Church will observe the death of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, on the 20th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

RAILWAY WRECK

Train Jumps Track on Franklin Division, Southern Railway.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, VA., June 3.—East-bound train No. 136, on the Franklin Division of the Southern Railway, was wrecked near the crossing of the Norfolk and Western Railway. The train was carrying a large amount of freight, and the wreck caused considerable damage to the property. The cause of the wreck is being investigated.

NARROW ESCAPE

OF TWO BROTHERS

Rescued in Time from the Deadly Fumes of Gas.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STANTON, VA., June 3.—B. H. and A. C. Kidd, two brothers living in this county, were apprehended by gas this morning at the Palmer House, and would have died only for the timely discovery of their condition by the chambermaid. These young gentlemen, who live at Hermitage, this county, and who have been working in West Virginia, arrived in Stanton from the West on the early morning train and took a room at the Palmer House.

On retiring, the two brothers turned on the gas, and at the same time turned on the jet to the gas stove. About 6 o'clock this morning the chambermaid heard them groaning and reported to the clerk, who forced open the door and found them lying on the floor. Dr. A. M. Henkel, who was called, succeeded in reviving them. Dr. Henkel said that if these gentlemen had remained in that condition twenty minutes longer no aid would have saved them.

Many a child has been fooled by the pot of gold which is to be found just at the foot of the rainbow, and has started out to gather riches.

Many a man and woman have been deceived by the tale that there was health to be found out beyond the sunset, and they have started out dreaming of a healthful future, never to be realized.

People who have tried change of climate in vain for the cure of weak lungs have been perfectly and permanently cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures deep-seated coughs, bronchitis, bleeding lungs, emaciation, and other conditions which, if neglected or unsuitably treated, find a fatal end in consumption.

"Last spring I had a severe attack of pneumonia which left me with a very bad cough, and also left my lungs in a very bad condition," writes John M. Russell, Esq. of Brent, Cherokee Nat. Ind. "I had no appetite and was so weak, could scarcely walk. My breath was sore with running sore. I got two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which I believe saved my life. I cannot express my gratitude to you. I am able now to do very good work."

"Any substitute offered as 'just as good' as Golden Medical Discovery" is a shadow of the medicine. There are cures behind every claim made for the "Discovery," which no "just as good" medicine can show.

The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, a book containing 1008 pages, is given away. Send 21 one-cent stamps, for expense of mailing only, for the book in paper covers, or 31 stamps for the volume bound in cloth. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

# CHARTER IN PETERSBURG

A Concern to Manufacture Sash, Blinds and Doors.

A MASS-MEETING CALLED

The Massacre of Jews in Bessarabia to Be Condemned—John A. Dix Industrial School to Close Tomorrow.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., June 3.—A charter has been granted the Petersburg Builders' Supply Company. The company will manufacture sash, blinds, doors and dressed lumber, as well as all kinds of builders' supplies. The capital stock of the company will not exceed \$25,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. The principal office will be in Petersburg. The officers for the first year are President, Robert Cabaniss; Vice-President, C. M. Brister; Secretary and Treasurer, F. O. Stralman. These officers with T. F. Heath and W. E. Poole compose the directors.

On next Sunday or Sunday week a mass meeting, called by the Mayor of the city, will be held for the purpose of condemning the massacre of the Jews in Kishinev, Russia. The Mayor will address a letter to the ministers of the city with reference to the matter, and with them will rest the selection of the date.

The class composed of Messrs. Frank and Hunter Mann, Robert Buchanan, James E. Jackson, W. Booth, Jr., David Callender, Harry Moyer, John Graves, Grover Rodgers and Jerome Sommers gave a gymnastic exhibition at the Young Men's Christian Association hall this evening. The young men have been practicing for some time, and their work was well done. The public attended the exhibition, which they seemed to enjoy thoroughly.

A TESTIMONY MEETING.

A praise and testimony meeting was held at the Central Church to-night, and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. George E. Booker.

The Retail Clerks' Union last night held a well-attended meeting. The union is exceedingly well pleased that by their efforts so many merchants have agreed to close their stores at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. J. W. White, of Portsmouth, general industrial agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, formerly the company's agent in this city, will go to Mobile, Ala., where he will deliver an address before the Alabama Commercial Association June 6th.

Mr. Hugh Stockell, who is quite sick in this city, is now undergoing treatment at the Home for the Sick.

The exercises of the John A. Dix Industrial School will take place to-morrow at mid-day. A programme of music, recitations and reading will be given. The certificates of promotion will be awarded by Professor J. E. Shields.

Dr. J. W. Bryant, of Crewe, was in Petersburg to-day.

Rev. W. D. Best conducted the prayer meeting service at First Baptist Church to-night.

Mr. S. B. Alley, who has been quite sick, is now much improved.

TORTURE IN PHILIPPINES.

There is an old colored man in Petersburg who has been retired from the United States army, after having served thirty years, even to the present day, a member of the Tenth Cavalry and fifteen years a member of the Ninth Cavalry. He saw service in the West fighting Indians; was in the charge at Santiago and was recently in the Philippines. He says he has seen many Filipinos who refused to give information to the American officers. He has seen many hung up by their thumbs and still refuse to talk. After being taken down a loaded gun was pointed in their faces and they were told they would be killed if they did not talk. They still refused and would be killed in their tracks. The old man approved the killing for the reason that they were treacherous and would have killed any American with a bolt if they had a chance.

KING COLLEGE

Oratorical Contest and Awarding of Medals.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, VA., June 3.—The commencement exercises have been in progress at King College for young men since Sunday, when the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. E. Reed, of the faculty of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. Dr. Reed preached the text, "The crown of life is the gift of the Lord." The exercises were held in the gymnasium of the college on Sunday evening.

The declamatory contest for a gold medal was held in the First Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, when eight young men used their best efforts to win the medal. The decision of the committee was given at the close of the exercises. The society medals were awarded as follows:

Athenian Society, best debater, Joseph A. Caldwell; improvement in diction, George E. Reed; best orator, Philothesian Society, best debater, A. Watson Carmack; improvement in diction, A. M. Henkel; best orator, W. H. Cochran, of Bristol.

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Exercises will be held to-morrow evening, at which time the annual literary address will be given by Dr. Charles W. Dabney, of the University of Tennessee.

The graduates of this institution, this year are Charles Henry Masengill, of Tennessee, with the degree of bachelor of science; Alexander Carmack, of Virginia, with the degree of bachelor of science.

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Thornhill, of Jeffersonville, Va.; Miss Francis Young, of Knoxville, Tenn.

The young ladies are leaving for their homes by every train and soon the two hundred and thirty-three students who have been here this year from twenty-two different States will be in their homes. This is the sixtieth session of the school has been perhaps the best in the history of the institution.

Among the visitors here this year for commencement are Miss Lucy Duke, of Richmond, Va.; C. N. Williams, Esq., and wife, of Boynton, Va.; Mrs. Thomas H. Hays, of West Point, Va.; Rev. N. C. Rume, of Cambria, Va.; Rev. Dr. L. R. Thornhill, of Jeffersonville, Va.; Mr. T. R. Griffin, of Frankfort, Ky.; Mr. Griffin, of Bedford City, Va.; Misses Emma and Rita Blinhard, of Georgia; Miss Albert Ward, of South Carolina; Mrs. S. R. Wilson, of Lexington, Va.

At the final meeting of the Literary Societies, Miss Helen Carter was the valedictorian. The question, "Resolved, That party allegiance is the best basis of independence and action in politics," was discussed on the affirmative by Misses Boone and Thompson and on the negative by Misses Clark and Foster. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

Miss Pauline Embree, of Buena Vista, Va., was elected, and there was an instrumental quartette by Misses Boone, Clark and Foster. The exercises were also attended by Misses Boone, Clark and Foster. The exercises were also attended by Misses Boone, Clark and Foster.

In the Hollins Quarterly was won by Miss Emma Thom, of Maryland. The prize was given by Miss M. P. Parkinson, the lady principal.

The commencement exercises last night consisted of instrumental and vocal selections.

MUSIC AND RECITATION

Richmond Favorites Appear Before a Gordonsville Audience.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GORDONSVILLE, VA., June 3.—The ladies of the Baptist Church gave to the people of Gordonsville Monday evening an exceptional treat in music. The study hall of the Woodhull Seminary and the Baptist Church of Gordonsville presented a beautiful scene, when at the same time the audience was charmed by the rendering of the choir and soloists.

Miss Simms, a very talented musician, pleased her audience in the way she rendered Chopin, etc., but most especially when she favored the audience with one of her own compositions. Miss Morgan possesses a very beautiful soprano voice and was equally as much appreciated as Frank Cunningham. Mrs. Jennie Yeaman recited a number of beautiful poems very appropriately and beautifully read her very appropriate and beautiful poems.

All of the party were from Richmond and to them the people of Gordonsville owe a great deal of gratitude for a most delightful evening.

WILL ECLIPSE ALL

Fourth of July Demonstration at Pocomantas This Season.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

POCOMANTAS, VA., June 3.—The arrangements have been planned and a large amount subscribed in Pocomantas to mark the Fourth of July celebration this year. The celebration will be held on the 4th of July.

Two years ago the celebration was on a large scale. The celebration was on a large scale. The celebration was on a large scale.

Governor Montague has been invited for this year, but it is not known if he will accept. It is not known if he will accept.

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# WEDDINGS OF NOTE

Mr. James H. Stone Weds Mrs. Marion Ambler Jones.

HISTORIC BRUTON CHURCH

The Old Edifice Was Beautifully Decorated for the Occasion, and Scene Was a Pretty One—Richmond People Among Attendants.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., June 3.—The wedding of Mr. James H. Stone and Mrs. Marion Ambler Jones took place at 4 o'clock in the historic Bruton Episcopal Church of Miss Marion Ambler Jones (to Mr. James H. Stone) was one of the most beautiful ever seen in this historic edifice, and proved the social event of the season. The church was radiant in its decorations of green and white. The chancel was banked with flowers, palms and potted plants, while the glow of candles and soft lights from the chandeliers made the scene an enchanting one.

The bride party entered in the following order: Miss Mary Willis, of Richmond, and Miss Mary Waller Mercer, of Williamsburg; Miss Emily Christian and Miss Louise Hanley, of Williamsburg; Miss Elizabeth Hobson, of Richmond, and Miss Sue Webb, of Williamsburg; from the north and south doors. They were gowned in white